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SUBJECT: SHABA INCURSION ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR
U.S. ASSISTANCE IN INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENCY OPERATION

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1. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SECURE FROM MOBUTU A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE TO BELGIAN AND FRENCH EFFORTS IN ZAIRE IMMEDIATELY. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED TEXT FOR NOTE FROM MOBUTO TO UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA.

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE PRESIDENT OF ZAIRE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE WELL BEING OF EXPATRIATE NATIONALS OF SEVERAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES CURRENTLY PRESENT

IN KOLWEZI.

THE BELGIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS HAVE PROPOSED, AND I HAVE AUTHORIZED THEM TO TAKE, URGENTLY NEEDED STEPS TO ASSURE THE PROTECTION OF THOSE NATIONALS.

I REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ASSIST THE BELGIAN AND FRENCH EFFORTS TO THIS END.

ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

MOBUTU SESE SEKO, PRESIDENT OF ZAIRE, END TEXT.

3. FRENCH TRANSLATION OF NOTE FOLLOWS.

MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR,

LE PRESIDENT DU ZAIRE PRESENTE SES COMPLIMENTS A L'AMBASSADEUR DES ETATS-UNIS ET A L'HONNEUR DE SE REFERER A LA SITUATION AFFECTANT LE BIEN-ETRE DE RESSORTISSANTS EXPATRIES DE PLUSIEURS PAYS ETRANGERS QUI SE TROUVENT ACTUELLEMENT A KOLWEZI.

LE GOUVERNEMENT BELGE ET LE GOUVERNEMENT FRANCAIS ONT
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PROPOSE DE PRENDRE D'URGENCE LES MESURES NECESSAIRES POUR ASSURER LA PROTECTION DE CES RESSORTISSANTS, CE A QUOI JE LES AI AUTORISES.

JE DEMANDE AU GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS D'ASSISTER LES EFFORTS BELGES ET FRANCAIS.

VEUILLEZ AGREER, MONSIEUR L'AMBASSADEUR, LES ASSURANCES DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

MOBUTU SESE SEKO, PRESIDENT DU ZAIRE.

4. THIS TEXT SUPERSEDES THAT GIVEN IN REFTEL. VANCE

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